

LITTLE WOMAN IS BIG GAME HUNTER

Weights Only Ninety-Six Pounds and is Five Feet Two Inches High.

DENVER, Feb. 5.—A little woman, who has probably killed more big game than any other woman hunting exclusively in America, is Mrs. Lucille Willis of this city. She weighs ninety-six pounds and stands five feet two inches high. She has a high heel shoe and can look the most savage of wild beasts in the eye without flinching. The most dangerous animals which roam the wilds of this continent have fallen before her rifle. She has killed bears and mountain lions in the Rockies and captured young bears alive. She has shot jaguars and ocelots and wild boars in Mexico. She has hunted the alligator in Florida and searched the swamps of Arkansas for black bear.

With her husband, W. M. Willis, she shoots specimens for the Iowa state museum. Mrs. Willis has shot big game in the Rockies two seasons. She looks forward with more keen joy to a hunting expedition than the ordinary woman experiences in anticipating a trip to Europe.

Mrs. Willis has hunted in the mountains for days at a time alone. Attired in a knickerbocker suit of khaki, she stalks the brown bear or hunts the mountain lion. She carries a high power .22 rifle and a revolver. A cartridge belt full of shells, a tarpaulin and a small package of food form the rest of her equipment. The food is eaten by a camp fire at night. She pulls the tarpaulin over herself under a pine tree and sleeps as securely in the glow of the camp fire as she would in her bed at home.

Captures Young Bear.
It was while hunting alone from a camp at Burnt Lake, in the Wyoming Teton, last year that Mrs. Willis killed a mother bear and captured alive her two half grown cubs. A good many scratches and one toe nail torn off were the wounds she received in her encounter.

"I thought that was getting off pretty easy," Mrs. Willis said complacently as she told how she did the trick.

"Mr. Willis has told me that his game bag was going to make mine look sick when we joined each other at camp that night. So when I saddled Pedro and started out to look for game that morning I was determined to find something worth while. Luck was with me. I climbed the ridge just back of the camp and came out into a little park. There a mother bear and two cubs were feeding at the huckleberry bushes, the morning sun shining on their shaggy brown sides. I was so close I could hear the crunch of their jaws as they munched the purple berries.

"I shot the mother bear before she even saw me. One cub I got without much trouble. Both of them ran to their mother when she fell. But the other young bear showed fight. I lassoed him and managed to wind my lariat around a tree. But every time I got near to tie him he lunged partly out of his entanglements and rushed savagely at me. It was two hours before I got him muzzled with a heavy sack and hobbled so I could drag him into camp. And I'd had to knock him insensible by hitting him over the head with my gun before I could do it. In that time he had managed to claw one of my feet, raking off a toe nail and scratch me up pretty badly.

"I was pretty proud when I had those two bears in camp chained out to stakes. They got just as tame as you please and would eat bread and honey out of our hands without snapping. They were the most docile little cusses too. Tootsie and Teddy would work around you half an hour in order to get a chance to strike you once. But they got to seem just like people to me.

"I cried for a day and a night when we had to ship them to Des Moines. I know the man at the station thought I was silly for crying," the intrepid hunter confessed shamefacedly, "but I could not help it.

"How did I happen to get interested

in hunting? Well, I had a small brother who wanted to go hunting all the time. My father and mother would not let him go by himself, so they used to send me. We lived down in the Ozarks in Missouri and I can hardly remember when I first learned to handle a gun. I used to go along with my brother to hunt wild turkeys and small game in the mountains there. That's where I learned to shoot and I've been practicing ever since.

Not Afraid of Wild Beasts.
"I'd rather go bear hunting than do anything else now. Of course I'm not afraid. If I were, I wouldn't go. I'm afraid of some things, but not of wild animals. I'm afraid to go in the water. I can't bare to wade in water that is more than ankle deep. And I've never been able to conquer my fear of the water. But I have yet to experience fear while on a hunt.

"When a person is a good shot and keeps his nerve there isn't any real danger to hunting. What are claws and teeth compared to a load from a modern rifle? It's people who can't shoot or who get rattled after wounding an animal who get hurt while hunting. I can say that I've never yet lost my nerve and failed to kill the game I was after. The bears I captured alive gave me the worst wounds I've ever got.

"Three years ago when hunting in the southern part of old Mexico I walked onto a jaguar while stalking deer. I found the beast crouched in the grass ready for a spring. I shot him at a distance of thirty steps. My three deer vanished over a hill at the crack of my rifle. On that same trip I bagged sixteen wild boar and nine ocelot.

"I have shot six old bears and captured two young ones alive. Seven mountain lions are on the list of the beasts I have killed, and I have of course shot numberless bobcats, deer and smaller game.

"Year before last we travelled 22,000 miles hunting."

Mrs. Willis uses two English fox hounds when hunting mountain lions.

"We wait until after a snow, then look for lion tracks," she said. "When we find them we can catch our dogs and they take up the scent, either by bay or trailing the game. It's an easy enough matter to shoot a mountain lion out of a tree. And the danger from these animals is much overrated. I have heard tales of them dropping down from the branch of a tree onto the shoulders of travellers riding on a trail below. Such stories are myths. I only wish mountain lions were easier to find. I never was able to scare one up at all without the aid of good hunting dogs. Sometimes they start toward one when wounded, but I never had any serious trouble with them.

"In shooting dangerous game I always shoot for the heart when the animal is so placed that I can. If such a shot is out of the question, I aim for the head. And I aim to kill at the first shot. It's the wounded beast that's dangerous. And it's the man or woman who loses his head and shoots wild who gets killed."

GRAFTON 'PHONE USERS DEMAND THE FIGURES

The Central District Company Meets with Opposition in Taylor County Seat.

GRAFTON, Feb. 5.—The Central District Telephone Company, which is seeking to merge the Bell and Consolidated systems in this part of the state as the same company owns both met with opposition here this week when company representatives began to secure signatures of 'phone users to an agreement to the consolidation of the two lines. The citizens demanded figures as to the cost of the new system and, when these figures have been produced, it is believed that all opposition to the merger will be withdrawn. Fairmont, Morgantown and Weston have already agreed to the consolidation.

The board of regents for the Grafton General hospital which is under city control, has been appointed as follows: Mrs. C. A. Keeker, Dr. C. A. Sinsel, J. F. Caveney, W. P. Hendrickson, the Rev. Jesse R. Jones, Mayor Fred C. Graham and O. E. Wyckoff. The Powell hospital property has been purchased by the city, and, after improvements have been made, it will be opened. The opening date is expected to be some time this month.

The strike of the miners of the Hiorra Coke Company, at Hiorra, and the Austen Coal and Coke Company, at Austen, Preston county, fifteen miles east of Grafton, is still unsettled. About 400 miners from the two mines walked out and nothing has been done so far to mediate the matters over which a dispute arose. It is said that the miners asked a straight five cent ton raise but the operators would not increase wages more than three cents as they were operating under a low price coal contract. This strike is known to be the aftermath of raise in wages in most of the coal mines in this section during the last two months. The raise was not any concerted action upon the part of the mine operators but was merely the willingness of the operators to share a portion of their profits from high coal prices with the men. The mines such as those at Hiorra and Austen that were tied up on low price contracts, could not take advantage of the high market prices and were compelled to maintain the old wage scale and trouble has resulted accordingly.

Postmaster General Burleson gave assurance this week that the office of the chief clerk of the railroad post-office would not be moved from Grafton, even though the control of the district from Grafton to Washington has been given the chief clerk's office at Baltimore. A concerted effort is being made here to have the matters arranged as formerly with headquarters at Grafton.

State Inspector of Weights and Measures Ashburn, and I. N. Grimes, the county sealer of weights and measures, began the inspection of scales and measures in the Grafton stores this week. The work is to be continued until the entire county has been inspected. Many costly measures and scales have been condemned and it is estimated that \$10,000 will be expended in new measures of a standard sort.

W. V. Farrell, formerly agent for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company at Rowlesburg, is held under \$500 bond for the federal court at Wheeling, charged with having used a pass belonging to another man to make a trip from Fairmont to Uniontown over the Baltimore and Ohio lines.

CITIES OF THE NORTHWEST JOIN IN WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL



Scenes at Outdoor Sports Carnival in St. Paul. "Boreas Rex," king of the carnival; Cedar Street slide, Minnesota capitol in background; push ball contest; start of hound race.

The cities of the northwest are engaged in a great Outdoor Sports Carnival, the scene of their activities being at St. Paul. There are over 20,000 uniformed participants at the carnival, and visitors are present from all over the United States and Canada. This is a revival of the old carnival days of 1886-7-8, in St. Paul.

WILL MOBILIZE AUSTRIAN WOMEN FOR INDUSTRIES

And in Commercial Fields So As All Men Can Go to the War Front.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—Under the joint auspices of the Austro-Hungarian ministry of war and the Austrian women's organization, the women of Austria are about to be industrially "mobilized." The undertaking is the result firstly of the Austro-Hungarian women have done since the war, and secondly of a number of conferences Austrian feminist leaders and club women have had with the minister of war and his aides. It is proposed to enlarge as far as possible the industrial and commercial fields in which women are now active and to add new branches in which they may become so, the purpose of the movement being to liberate for military service all men whose places can be filled by woman and to give more of them an opportunity to increase their incomes.

Soldier at Home.

The attitude of the Austrian government in the matter was explained in a statement given to the press: "The front is at present the domain of every able bodied man," says the announcement, "while the woman working for the army is the soldier at home." It is then pointed out that every woman who works in a productive capacity assists the army, firstly, by releasing some man to do military duty, secondly, by keeping the economic machinery of the country in motion without which the men at the front would fare badly.

Thousands of Austrian women are already doing work which men formerly did. Indeed in the branches in which they are employed are many which formerly admitted no women. The street car conductresses have been a success from the start, as have also the female postal employees, including the women drivers and chauffeurs of mail vehicles. On the railroads they have also been very successful, especially as telegraph operators, ticket agents and freight department officials. Most of the clerical work of the various governments is being done by women. Firms whose male employees were called to the colors have been obliged to replace them by women. In the ammunition factories thousands of women are said to be doing excellent work. In a plant visited some time ago by the Associated Press correspondent the female employees formed over sixty per cent of the entire staff, even the heavy lathes on which the large shells were being turned were manipulated by women. A few Junos were handling huge ladles with molten steel like a kitchen spoon. Women already work in mines, mills, factories generally, wholesale and retail houses and this year's generous crop was largely raised by them.

Aim is to Train.
One of the special aims of the present movement is to train women for executive work, so that the men engaged in this may become available for duty as officers.

A feature of the scheme is to provide half day work for women whose families they would make that welcome. In the morning mothers will attend to their households and children, and so be free to work in the afternoon from five to six hours. To care for the children in the absence of the mothers, special nurseries and kindergartens will be established. Some of the women's organizations favor the plan that elderly women take the children of their working neighbors into their

homes.

Working Out Program.

The program for the undertaking is now being worked out by representatives of the women's organizations and the ministry of war. The larger of the organizations are the Federation of Austrian Women's Societies, Vienna Woman Wage Earners Association, the Catholic Women's Organizations of Lower Austria, Austrian Woman Suffrage Committee, State Organization of Austrian Housekeepers, Austrian General Women's Association, Social Democratic Women's Organization, Federation of Female Teachers and Educators, Federation of Working Women, Federation of Female Postal Service Employees, High School Teacher's Society, Federation of Social Settlement Work and the New Woman Clubs. Several dozen of smaller Austrian and hundreds of local women's clubs and societies are also assisting the movement.

So far the plan affects only Austria, but it is expected that Hungarian women will soon join the movement. The Austrian ministry of war is merely co-operating with the women, and ultimately the directing and managing of the undertaking will be given into the hands of women. The "soldiers behind the front" will have a "general staff" of their own.

MARINE TALK

Is So Different from the Ordinary That the New Comer Does Not Understand It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—"I am going to shoot Charley Noble at eight bells tonight."

Overhearing the above threat from the lips of a gunner's mate, a recruit of the United States Marine Corps, with ten weeks' service to his credit and outbound for Haiti on the United States Steamship Tennessee, stealthily shadowed the bloodthirsty gunner about the decks until eight bells of the first watch, when, helplessly and without power to prevent, he was forced to witness the dire threat that befell Shipmate Charley Noble.

But then, how was he to know that in sea going vernacular, Charley Noble has been for hundreds of years the stove pipe in the ship's galley, and that regularly, once a month, a gunner's mate shoots a blank cartridge into Charley to clear out shoot and other obstructions.

And now the recruit strongly sus-

TRAIN ROBBERS ARE LIKELY TO BE TRIED

WESTON WOMEN HEAR TALK ON SUFFRAGE

National Organizer Addresses the Women's Club of That Place.

WESTON, Feb. 5.—On Monday night the Women's Club met at the home of Miss Florence Hale. The discussion for the evening was on Roland Usher's Pan-Americanism. After the program a delightful social hour was spent.

Miss Engle, a national suffrage worker, addressed the club on the suffrage question.

Miss Engle, one of the national field secretaries for equal suffrage, was here several days this week. While here she addressed the Women's Club, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, a parlor meeting of women at the home of Mrs. Reed Goe, and various other organizations. Her plea was forceful and she is a convincing talker. From here she went to Jane Lew.

Miss Gettrude Robinson, who graduated from Wellesley in 1912, will begin her work Monday as instructor in Latin and French in the high school.

Mr. Stuffer will teach mathematics in place of Mr. Kraus, who recently resigned.

The Columbia Literary Society of the high school, gave a very good program to their audience Friday afternoon.

Mr. Carfer had charge of the assembly period in high school last week. His subject, "Athletics and Plunkers," was a well-prepared and practical address that many students should have profited by hearing. Weston high played a game Thursday evening that excited much local interest, owing to the fact that the first team played the second team with a score of 31 to 16. A game had been scheduled with St. Mary's high of Clarksburg, but owing to illness of members of the Clarksburg team the game was cancelled.

Professor Barbe, of the department of English at the West Virginia University, will address the Men's Brotherhood at the high school auditorium Sunday afternoon February 6 at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. A. B. Carper will leave as her week end guest Miss Bess Lister, of Clarksburg.

Birk S. Stathers was at New Martinsville and Parkersburg last week looking after his campaign for the nomination of attorney general.

Mrs. Dana Young spent the week-end in Clarksburg last week.

The evangelistic meetings are still in progress at the Baptist church and will continue throughout the week. The splendid gospel sermons are being delivered by Dr. Charles Rose, formerly head of the Ohio state board of missions. Dr. Rose resides in Granville, O.

Dr. J. I. Warder has been on the sick list for a few days.

Weston is to have a music club. Miss Margaret Holt is one of the leading organizers. There are about twenty members already enrolled and for the present the club is to meet Thursday nights.

Miss Lottie Vandervort entertained the Auction Bridge Club at her home on Main avenue Friday afternoon.

Mrs. John Williams, who was operated on at the Johns Hopkins hospital Thursday is doing very well according to a telegram received here Thursday.

Wednesday evening the Catholic Club gave a most enjoyable program under the auspices of Father Murphy. Songs by the school choir, solos by Mrs. Alice McGary, Walter Edwards, Regina Cummings and Frank Whelan, with readings by Margaret Casey and Miss Flannigan of Clarksburg, made the evening delightful.

The Rev. John Biddow and his wife gave a reception at the Methodist parsonage, 347 Center avenue Thursday evening to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The Honorable Andrew Edmiston has gone to Florida to spend the

Special Session of the Federal Grand Jury Will Probably Convene in Wheeling.

WHEELING, Feb. 5.—Assistant United States District Attorney J. J. P. O'Brien upon his return home from the Parkersburg term of the federal court, said that it is very likely that a special grand jury will be called here within a few days to indict the Central Station, Doddridge county, train robbers.

Mr. O'Brien said that the alleged leader, who was arrested in San Antonio, Tex., a few weeks ago, was evidently the right man and that his confederates would be apprehended at once. The robbery was pulled off a few months ago and it is reported that the gang got about \$100,000 in unsigned bank notes.

The alleged robbers will be brought here next week to appear before the special grand jury. In the event it is called, and here tried, it indicated it is undoubted that another important case will be brought before the special grand jury, that of a cashier of a large national bank, charged with misappropriating the funds of the institution.

Mr. O'Brien refused to divulge the name of the bank or the alleged embezzler. He, however, intimated that should the case be brought before the grand jury, it would cause a sensation, owing to the prominence of the cashier.

mainder of the winter.

Andrew Edmiston, Ja., has returned from a visit to Kentucky.

Miss Zeta Lively was with the family of her brother Henry, at Fairmont Sunday.

Walter Warren spent last Sunday with Clarksburg friends.

Miss Hattie Brannon was a guest of Clarksburg friends Sunday.

R. N. Koblegard, of Washington, was in the city last week.

Gertrude, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams has had a serious attack of pneumonia.

The regular monthly meeting of the city council was held Friday night.

Miss Laura Lowe went to Buckhannon Friday night.

A number of Weston people went to Buckhannon Friday night to witness the game between Wesleyan and Davis-Elkins.

Weston high played Shinnston Friday night.

Mrs. ary Piekens has returned to her home at Piekens, after having spent some time with her mother, Mrs. Vandervort.

Mrs. C. P. Hale has recovered from an attack of grip.

James Lee Cunen has had attack of pneumonia.

Dr. C. Denham spent Sunday in Clarksburg.

Homer Troxell spent Sunday here. He is at West Union in charge of Orth Talbot's drug store there.

T. W. Hale arrived from Indianapolis last week to look after business interests.

Hoyt Barnett and sister, Miss Adrienne, who accompanied their brother, Rex, to this city for burial left Wednesday to return to their respective homes.

Dana Young and M. B. Sprigg were at Clarksburg Monday.

A building is to be built on the Edmiston lot on Main street. The Weston Democrat is to have offices in this building for a home after April 1.

Attorney Charles P. Swift was at West Union on business one day last week.

Ira Jenkins, of Buckhannon, was a business visitor here the other day.

Mrs. Jeannette Komgold, of Illinois, will deliver six lectures in Weston beginning on February 22 and ending Feb. 27. Her first lecture will be on woman suffrage. Mrs. Komgold is a most attractive speaker, capable of entertaining the best intellect. Her lectures are free to every one.

Mr. Weaver, of Morgantown, who has been teaching mathematics in the high school for the past two years, returned to Morgantown to resume his studies in the university, where he is a senior.

Staley Carpenter returned one day last week from a visit to Akron, O.

Eugene Grant, Fred Candy, Albert Everett, Max Lynch and Erra Edmiston have returned to Morgantown, after spending the semester vacation at their homes.

Mrs. M. S. Fultz is at Hopkins hospital for treatment.

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